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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. CUBAN OFFICIAL NOTICES THAT SANCTIONS ENDED

IN AN AUGUST 6 PRESS CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY, CUBAN MIN-  
ISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE MARCELO FERNANDEZ FONT THAT:

--"NOW NATIONS FRIENDLY TO CUBA" WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME  
THE COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BROKEN OFF IN  
THE 1960'S;

--"AS OF THIS MOMENT NO ONE HAS SAID ANYTHING" ABOUT  
THE POSSIBLE REESTABLISHMENT OF US/CUBAN TIES AND  
"DESPITE WHAT IS SAID" THE US BLACKLIST OF MERCHANT-  
SHIPS CONTINUES. (UNCLASSIFIED) MEXICO 7031, 8/8.)

### 2. CHILE: INTERNAL SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT SLIPS

A RECENTLY COMPLETED NATIONWIDE GALLUP POLL IN CHILE INDI-  
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CATES, ALTHOUGH SUPPORT FOR THE GOC CONTINUES HIGH, THERE IS  
EVIDENCE OF EROSION DUE TO ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. EMBASSY  
SANTIAGO NOTES:

--THE GOC APPROVED THE POLL'S PUBLICATION AND BELIEVES IT IS A MORE OR LESS ACCURATE SAMPLING.

--CONSIDERING THAT REAL OR IMAGINED RESTRICTIONS ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION MAKE IT SAFER TO HAVE OPINIONS ON ECONOMICS RATHER THAN POLITICS, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT SUCH POLLS CAN PRESENT A REAL PICTURE OF CHILEAN OPINION TODAY.

EMBASSY COMMENT: PREVIOUS REPORTING HAS NOTED THE HIGH LEVEL OF CONCERN OVER CURRENT ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES THROUGHOUT CHILEAN SOCIETY--INCLUDING WITHIN THE MILITARY. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS DISCONTENT IS MORE WIDESPREAD THAN THE POLLS INDICATE, A VIEW PRIVATELY SHARED BY GOC LEADERS, ALTHOUGH FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION THE GOC IS NOT ALARMED. (CONFIDENTIAL) SANTIAGO 5448, 8/7.)

### 3. JORDAN: OPPOSITION TO ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WITH SYRIA

EMBASSY AMMAN REPORTS THAT JORDANIAN BUSINESSMEN STRONGLY OPPOSE THE RECENT AGREEMENT TO INTEGRATE JORDANIAN AND SYRIAN ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL EFFORTS. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE UNDERLYING POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AMMAN'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY BELIEVES A MARRIAGE BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST AND CAPITALIST ECONOMIES WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE. THE BUSINESSMEN:

--PARTICULARLY RESENT THE IMPLICIT SYRIAN VETO POWER OVER NEW INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS IN JORDAN; THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF INVESTING IN PROJECTS IN WHICH DAMASCUS HAS EVEN PARTIAL CONTROL;

--BELIEVE THE AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO FRIGHTEN OFF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND THUS DAMPEN JORDAN'S INCIPIENT BUSINESS BOOM. (CONFIDENTIAL) AMMAN 5362, 8/6.)

### 4. ECHEVARRIA ON THE HUSTINGS?

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PRESIDENT ECHEVARRIA CAPPED HIS FIVE-DAY VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY ANNOUNCING MEXICAN RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AND PROMISING TO TIE MEXICAN OIL TO OPEC PRICES.

--ACCORDING TO EMBASSY JIDDA, THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENTS REFLECT CONTINUING MEXICAN WOOING OF THE THIRD WORLD PLUS, ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, ECHEVARRIA'S SEARCH FOR SUPPORT IN HIS BID TO SUCCEED WALDHEIM. (CONFIDENTIAL) JIDDA 5556, 8/7.)

### 5. SUDAN SHIFTS TOWARD EGYPTIANS AND ARABS

EMBASSY KHARTOUM REPORTS THAT RECENT AND IMPENDING SHIFTS IN

THE LOCAL POWER STRUCTURE, INCLUDING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE 1969 INNER CIRCLE (MINUS THE THREE COMMUNISTS EXECUTED IN 1971), POINT TO THE ASCENDANCY OF NATIONALIST, PRO-EGYPTIAN ELEMENTS. THE MOTIVES BEHIND THE CHANGES:

--PRESIDENT NIMEIRI WANTS CLOSER TIES WITH EGYPT AND MODERATE ARAB STATES IN ORDER TO ATTRACT OIL MONEY TO SUPPORT SUDAN'S INCREASINGLY SHAKY ECONOMY.

--NIMEIRI MAY ALSO BE SETTING UP A COUNTERWEIGHT TO AN IMAGINED THREAT FROM THE LEFT.

THE SUDANESE HAVE APPARENTLY ABANDONED HOPE OF AID FROM LIBYA. COLONEL QADDAFI WAS FURIOUS WHEN ON A RECENT TRIP HE WAS MET BY ONLY A MINOR SUDANESE OFFICIAL DURING A KHARTOUM AIRPORT STOPOVER. (CONFIDENTIAL) KHARTOUM 1840, 8/7.)

#### 6. USSR: CSCE PRINCIPLES IN ACTION

THE CSCE SUMMIT CONTINUES TO BE THE SUBJECT OF WIDESPREAD AND FAVORABLE COMMENT IN THE SOVIET MEDIA.

--BREZHNEV'S ROLE IS STRONGLY HIGHLIGHTED, EVEN BY SOVIET STANDARDS.

--ALTHOUGH PUBLISHED MATERIAL GIVES LITTLE INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF POST-HELSINKI SOVIET DIPLOMACY, THE LINE THAT THE NEXT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE DIS-CONFIDENTIAL

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ARMAMENT AREA IS CLEAR AND CONSISTENT.

--ALL IMPORTANT SECURITY PRINCIPLES RECEIVE THE MAJOR ATTENTION OVER "OTHERS" IN ECONOMIC AND HUMANITARIAN FIELDS, YET SOVIET MEDIA HAS NOT TENDED TO MAKE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF "SECONDARY" MEASURES CONDITIONAL ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY PRINCIPLES AS HAS THE POLISH AND EAST GERMAN PRESS.

SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES APPEARS TO HAVE HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON THE PROBLEMS OF CONSULAR ACCESS. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INSTANCES IN RECENT DAYS OF VISITORS TO THE EMBASSY BEING STOPPED BY THE MILITIA, AND SOMETIMES REFUSED ENTRY DESPITE INTERVENTION BY EMBASSY OFFICERS. THE EMBASSY PLANS TO PROTEST. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 1153, 8/7 AND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 1152, 8/7.)

#### 7. INDIA MOVING TOWARD PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM

THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT WILL RECESS TODAY AFTER APPROVING SEVERAL LAWS EXTRACATING PRIME MINISTER GANDHI FROM HER LEGAL DIFFICULTIES. THE PARLIAMENT RECONVENES IN SPECIAL SESSION

AUGUST 18 TO RUBBER STAMP A NUMBER OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN MRS. GANDHI'S POWERS, POSSIBLY TO THE EXTENT OF INTRODUCING FUNDAMENTAL CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES AND A PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM. (CONFIDENTIAL) NEW DELHI 10704, 8/7.)

8. SAUDIS DISTURBED BY ARMS SALES TO YEMEN

SAUDI DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MASUD TOLD THE CHARGE AUGUST 7 THAT PRINCE SULTAN WAS DISTURBED AT PRESS STORIES THAT THE US IS PREPARED TO SELL APPROPRIATE MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO YEMEN. MASUD ASKED FOR AND WAS GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT THE US IS NOT READYING A SEPARATE MILITARY AID PACKAGE OF WHICH THE SAUDIS ARE NOT AWARE. (CONFIDENTIAL) JIDDA 5558, 8/7.) KISSINGER

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